previous to 1935-1936 are not readily available. Information has been called for from the Harbour Authorities.

Year	Volume of export and Import Trade in Tons	Income from Port dues and mooring fees Rs.	No. of ships that visited
1935-36	8,67,542	2,90.428	1,210
1936-37	7,41,007	2,69,959	1,099
1937-38	7,80,498	2,65,306	1,166
1938-39	7,86,129	2,84,309	1,123
1939-40	9,51,363	2,42,810	1,154

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have noted that after the fourth-stage works are an accomplished fact, the income has been consistently going down—in 1935-36 the income from port dues and mooring fees was 2 lakhs and 90 thousand and odd and in 1939-40 it is 2 lakhs, 42 thousand and odd. May I know what exactly is the reason for this fall in income?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* One reason is given there itself. The tonnage also is less.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* The impression was that the fourth-stage is going to inaugurate the golden era; the figures do not show that. May I know whether there is any specific reason for this fall?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* This is only from one item of income.

STALLS IN ERNAKULAM MARKET CONSTRUCTED BY THE SHASHTIPOORTHI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE— RENT FROM—UTILISATION

160. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the abdicated Maharaja's Shashtipoorthi Memorial Committee have constructed at their expense two stalls in the Ernakulam Market;

(*b*) that the rent was undertaken to be utilised by the Ernakulam Municipality for the maintenance of the

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garden immediately round the Statue; and if the answer is in the affirmative, will Government kindly state the use to which the afore-mentioned rent is put to at present?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The question of utilising the amount for the future is under the consideration of the Council. At present the amount is kept under deposit to the credit of the "Statue Garden Fund" in the Municipal accounts.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I take it that this fund is kept separate by the Municipality and that it will be utilised afterwards?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They are considering the question as to how it is to be utilised afterwards.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know what is the amount that so stands at present?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is about Rs. 200.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* If the amount is set apart definitely for a purpose, why should they consider about the spending of the amount?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That garden as such has been merged into the Irwin Park and therefore they are keeping the funds separate. They are considering the question as to how it should be utilised.

ARECANUT GROWERS—SAFEGUARDING THE INTERESTS OF

161. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to an article under caption "കൊച്ചിസംസ്ഥാനകടിയാൻ സംഘം" appearing in "The Progress" dated 5th October 1940 (page 5, column 1) wherein contains a request to the Government of Cochin to safeguard the interests of arecanut growers of this State against Ceylon competition;

(*b*) whether the Government of Cochin have had any occasion to consider the question of protection to arecanut growers; whether they are doing anything in that line;

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